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Inmate Death at FCI Jesup's Satellite Camp

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Thursday, July 2, 2020, inmate Romie Roland tested positive for COVID-19 at the Satellite Prison Camp (SPC) in Jesup, Georgia, and was immediately placed in isolation. On Thursday, July 9, 2020, he was transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation due to low oxygen levels and was subsequently placed on a ventilator. On Wednesday, July 22, 2020, Mr. Roland, who had pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Mr. Roland was a 61-year-old male who was sentenced in the Northern District of Georgia to a 130-month sentence for Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance and Distribution of a Controlled Substance. He had been in custody at SPC Jesup since September 21, 2018.

SPC Jesup is a minimum security facility adjacent to FCI Jesup and currently houses 86 male offenders.

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